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**REQUEST
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<i>Application Number</i>	09/855,660
<i>Filing Date</i>	May 16, 2001
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114

a. Previously submitted

- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

- i. Amendment/Reply iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.113(c) for a period of 3 months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR§1.17(i) required)

- b. Other

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